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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jim Clinger

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE three MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 4, 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on Mar 4, 2002 is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 1 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, this claim is vague because the limitations “RF grounding path” and “RF path” appear to be the same element, but they are recited by different names.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-2, 5-7, 10-11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dishart et al.(5,999,134).

Claim 1, Dishart discloses an RF grounding path(fig. 1, no. 50), a contact point(fig. 3, no. 58) between the antenna(fig. 1, no. 20) and the grounding path(50), and a second RF grounding

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contact(fig. 2, ground symbol) of the RF path to the metal frame(col. 7, lines 45-47) upon installation.

Claim 2, windshield adhesive is disclosed(col. 8, lines 50-51).

Claims 5-6 and 15, the above disclosed antenna is mounted in a front windshield before the windshield is installed.

Claims 7 and 10-11, the adhesive at the contact point(64) forms a gasket(col. 7, lines 43-48).

Claim 13, the two glass layers(fig. 3, nos. 14 and 16) form a casing and have a contact area(64), a conductive path(fig. 1, no. 40) resides on the glass, and a conductive gasket at the contact area(col. 7, lines 43-48).

Claim 14, capacitive coupling is disclosed(col. 7, line 48).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3-4, 8-9, 12 and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dishart in view of Essex advertisement of 2/27/02.

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Dishart discloses a carbon loaded adhesive(col. 9, lines 1-23), but does not disclose the specifically recited adhesive.

Claims 3-4 and 19-20, the Essex advertisement discloses the recited adhesives for improved fastening of windshields and to windshields.

Claims 8-9, Dishart discloses conductive epoxy adhesives(col. 7, lines 44-47; and col. 9, lines 1-23).

Claims 12 and 17, GPS patches are well known in the art as antennas mounted in the windshield areas of vehicles(Dishart, col. 4, lines 7-11).

Claim 16, silicon is a well known in the art additive for the type of gasket disclosed and referenced above.

Claim 18, the use of silver as an additive in a conductor is disclosed in Dishart(col. 3, lines 37-40).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the adhesive disclosed in Essex with the windshield and antenna disclosed in Dishart for improved fastening of articles to windshields.

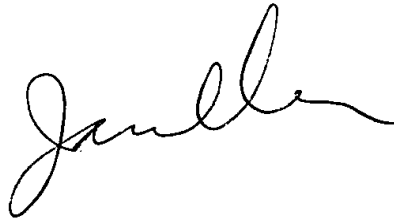
Correspondence

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Jim Clinger whose phone number is (703) 305-0619.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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